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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: EB Docket No. 06-36, Annual 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification Filing for
Southern Montana Telephone Company**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is the CPNI Compliance Certificate of Southern Montana Telephone Company (499 Filer ID No. 802563) for 2017 along with the accompanying Statement of Compliance and Procedures.

Please contact me at 830-895-7221 or cspears@gvnw.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Courtney Spears".

Courtney Spears
Authorized Representative for
Southern Montana Telephone Company

cc: Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), fcc@bcpiweb.com

Annual 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification

EB Docket 06-36

Annual Section 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification for 2017

1. Date filed: February 8, 2018
2. Name of Company: Southern Montana Telephone Company
3. Form 499 Filer ID: 802563
4. Name of signatory: Larry Mason
5. Title of signatory: Vice President & General Manager
6. Certification:

I, Larry Mason, certify that I am an officer of the Company named above, and acting as an agent of the Company, that I have personal knowledge that the Company has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules. *See 47 C.F.R. § 64.2001 et seq.*

Attached to this certification is an accompanying statement explaining how the Company's procedures ensure that the Company is in compliance with the requirements (including those mandating the adoption of CPNI procedures, training, safeguards, recordkeeping, and supervisory review) set forth in section 64.2001 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules (See attached Statement of Compliance).

The Company has not taken any actions (*i.e.*, proceedings instituted or petitions filed by the Company at either state commissions, the court system, or at the Commission against data brokers) against data brokers in the past year. The Company does not have any information that pretexters have attempted to gain access to CPNI.

The Company has not received any customer complaints in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI. Further, there has been no unauthorized access, disclosure to unauthorized individuals, or instances of improper access to online information by individuals not authorized to view CPNI during the past year.

The Company represents and warrants that the above certification is consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 1.17, which requires truthful and accurate statements to the Commission. The Company also acknowledges that false statements and misrepresentations to the Commission are punishable under Title 18 of the U.S. Code and may subject it to enforcement action.

Signed



Larry Mason, Vice President & General Manager

Attachment: Statement of CPNI Compliance and Procedures

SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE and PROCEDURES
For The Year Ending 2017
Form 499 Filer ID: 802563

This accompanying statement explains how the operating procedures of Southern Montana Telephone Company ("Southern Montana" or "the Company") are in compliance with the rules governing CPNI as found in Subpart U – Customer Proprietary Network Information – Part 64 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations and as referenced within the Company's 2017 Annual CPNI Certification.

Southern Montana adheres to all CPNI rules as stated in 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.2001 – 64.2011 concerning the proper use of a customer's CPNI. Specifically, this statement for use of CPNI meets all the requirements as listed in 47 C.F.R. § 64.2008. To further protect the customer's privacy, all the safeguards required by 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009 have been implemented. This includes:

- The implementation of a system by which the status of a customer's CPNI approval can be clearly established prior to the use of CPNI;
- The training of appropriate personnel as to when they are, and are not, authorized to use CPNI and the documentation of this training;
- The implementation of an express disciplinary process for CPNI violations up to and including termination;
- The maintenance of a record, for at least one year, of the Company's, and the Company's affiliates' sales and marketing campaigns;
- The establishment of a supervisory review process regarding carrier compliance with the federal CPNI rules for outbound marketing situations;
- The establishment of an annual certification by a corporate officer with personal knowledge of the Company's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the federal CPNI rules; and
- The establishment of procedures for notification to the Federal Communications Commission of any instance where opt-out mechanisms do not work properly to such a degree that consumers' inability to opt-out is more than an anomaly.

Southern Montana has its updated CPNI Manual available on file at its business office for further detailed explanation of how its procedures ensure that it is in compliance with the rules in Subpart U of Part 64 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.